

# INTERNATIONAL LEGAL REGIME ON SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT

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## ABSTRACT

Tropical forests—a resource of great value to humanity—are now in jeopardy. Tropical deforestation has been accelerated dramatically in the last three decades. In 1991, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) reported that more than fifty percent of tropical forests were cut. In estimation, our planet loses 100 acres of tropical forest every minute, meaning that 40 to 50 million acres (11 million hectares) annually. Due to its potential adverse impact on social, economic, cultural and ecological aspects of human lives and other living species on the earth, deforestation has become a critical global concern. Therefore, combating deforestation and managing the remaining forests in a sustainable manner are *conditio sine quanon*. This work attempts to analyze how international legal regime deals with the issue of deforestation and sustainable forest management.

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